

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): An image processing apparatus connected to a network and operative to report a job progressing condition to a user terminal apparatus requesting a job by the network, said image processing comprising:

a first controller configured to determine if at least one job is completed or interrupted in the image processing apparatus;

a thumbnail image data generating device configured to generate thumbnail image data of a first page of the job, wherein said thumbnail image data is stored in an information source provided in the image processing apparatus;

an electronic mail transmitting device configured to transmit an electronic mail ~~having~~ including a URL representing the information source, without transmitting the generated thumbnail image data, to a mail address assigned to the user terminal apparatus when the job is completed or interrupted;

a second controller configured to allow the user terminal apparatus having the mail address to access the information source by a browser displayed on the terminal apparatus, and to allow the terminal apparatus to obtain the thumbnail image data.

Claim 8 (Original): The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said mail address is associated with a user code representing a user, wherein said image processing apparatus is operable when the user code is input and authenticated.

Claim 9 (Original): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the user code is authenticated by accessing a user code table listing users permitted to request the job.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An image processing apparatus connected to a network and operative to report a job progressing condition to a user terminal apparatus requesting thereto a job by the network, said image processing comprising:

means for determining if at least one job is completed or interrupted in the image processing apparatus;

means for generating thumbnail image data of a first page of the job, wherein said thumbnail image data is stored in an information source provided in the image processing apparatus;

means for transmitting an electronic mail ~~having~~ including a URL representing the information source, without transmitting the generated thumbnail image data, to a mail address assigned to the terminal apparatus when the job is completed or interrupted;

means for allowing the terminal apparatus having the mail address to access the information source by a browser displayed on the user terminal apparatus; and for allowing the user terminal apparatus to obtain the thumbnail image data.

Claim 11 (Original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said mail address is associated with a user code representing a user, and wherein said image processing apparatus is operable when the user code is input and authenticated.

Claim 12 (Original): The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the user code is authenticated by accessing a user code table listing users permitted to request the job.

Claims 13-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A method for reporting a job progressing condition in an image processing apparatus to a user terminal apparatus requesting thereto a job by a network, said method comprising:

determining if at least one job is completed or interrupted in the image processing apparatus;

generating thumbnail image data of a first page of the job, wherein said thumbnail image data is stored in an information source provided in the image processing apparatus;

transmitting an electronic mail ~~having~~ including a URL representing the information source, without transmitting the generated thumbnail image data, to a mail address assigned to the terminal apparatus when the job is completed or interrupted;

allowing the user terminal apparatus having the mail address to access the information source by a browser displayed on the user terminal apparatus; and

allowing the terminal apparatus to obtain the thumbnail image data.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of claim 16, wherein said mail address is associated with a user code representing a user, and wherein said image processing apparatus is operable when the user code is input and authenticated.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of claim 17, wherein the user code is authenticated by accessing a user code table listing users permitted to request the job.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said user code is transmitted together with the job request for the user via the network.